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- 25.—1. *Cadet-Life at West Point.* By an Officer of the United States Army. *With a Descriptive Sketch of West Point.* By BENSON J. LOSSING. Boston: T. O. H. P. Burnham. 1862. 12mo. pp. 367.
2. *History of the United States Naval Academy, with Biographical Sketches, and the Names of all the Superintendents, Professors, and Graduates; to which is added a Record of some of the earliest Votes by Congress, of Thanks, Medals, and Swords to Naval Officers.* By EDWARD CHAUNCEY MARSHALL, A. M., formerly Instructor in Captain Kinsley's Military School, at West Point, Assistant Professor in the N. Y. University, etc. New York: D. Van Nostrand. 1862. 12mo. pp. 156.

THESE books are as unlike as they can be; yet they effect their purpose equally well. The first is in the form of an autobiography,—fact, we suppose, relieved of its dulness by the creations of a mirthful fancy; and, with no great literary merit, and a style evidently imitative of somebody, we cannot say of whom, it is an exceedingly attractive and interesting story. The writer takes us with him through all the phases of West Point life, and makes us minutely acquainted with the details of the class-room, the parade-ground, the encampment, manners, morals, and discipline. Mr. Marshall's book, on the other hand, is a plain narrative and description, clear, full, bearing all the marks of faithful preparation, and indicating on the author's part a profound and intelligent interest in the naval service and in the training appropriate for its officers.

- 26.—*The Koran; commonly called the Alcoran of Mohammed. Translated into English immediately from the Original Arabic.* By GEORGE SALE, Gent. *To which is prefixed the Life of Mohammed: or the History of that Doctrine which was begun, carried on, and finally established by him in Arabia, and which has subjugated a larger Portion of the Globe than the Religion of Jesus has set at Liberty.* Boston: T. O. H. P. Burnham. 1862. 16mo. pp. 472.

Of course we have nothing, in a short book-notice, to say about the Koran, and we hardly need to say that it has peculiar claims on the interest of the present generation, now that its believers are brought into closer connection than ever before with the Western world, while the governments founded upon it seem on the verge of disintegration. Sale's translation, first published in 1734, still keeps its place as superior to any other English version. We are glad of Mr. Burnham's reprint, which, while well executed, is a book of such moderate size and